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Norwalk Man Charged with Capital Murder

A 31-year-old man accused of fatally shooting his friend was charged today with special circumstance murder, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Diego Arnold Castro (dob 9/23/83) of Norwalk has been charged with one count of murder in case VA138175.

The charging document includes a special circumstance allegation of lying in wait, as well as a special allegation of personally and intentionally discharging a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Bellflower, Department 5. Prosecutors will ask that the defendant be held on no bail.

Prosecutors said on Jan. 15, victim Jose Angel Rios Alvarez, 25, was found shot to death at the defendant's home.

Authorities began an investigation into the incident and arrested Castro less than a week later in connection with the death.

Prosecutors will determine at a later time whether to seek the death penalty or life in state prison without the possibility of parole.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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